

**BRONCHO RUSTLING
CHARGE FAILS TO STICK**

(From Wednesday's Daily)
Proceedings in the case of Minor Owens, indicted on the charge of horse stealing, came to an abrupt close yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock when Judge Sloan instructed the jury to return a verdict for the defendant. The jury returned the verdict in open court without retiring.

Owens' exoneration from the serious charge is conceded to be due to the cleverness and legal ability of Attorney X. N. Steeves, his leading counsel. Attorney Henry F. Ashurst of Flagstaff was associated with Attorney Steeves for the defense.

At the conclusion of introduction of testimony for the prosecution Attorney Steeves called the court's attention to the fact that there was no evidence showing the asportation of the animal claimed by J. W. Sullivan and branded with the "Wild Indian brand." He did not deny Sullivan's right to the much branded equine but pointed out that no testimony was shown that his client stole the animal or ever had it in his possession, although it was clearly proven that the horse in question was originally branded with Sullivan's "J" brand and afterwards decorated with the "Wild Indian sign." The court took his view of the case and instructed the jury to return a verdict for defendant after recess.

At the conclusion of the trial Attorney Steeves announced that he was ready to proceed with the trial of a similar case against Owens under another indictment. District Attorney Morrison announced that the territory was not ready for trial on account of the absence of important witnesses. The court continued the case for the term.

Emmett James and Elmer Walsh, jointly indicted with Owens on both charges, were exonerated from the first charge on motion of District Attorney Morrison. James and Owens are held in the county jail on the second charge. The amount of their bonds will be fixed by the court this morning.

EXPLOSION KILLS THREE.**Trainmen Perish in Boiler Blow-Up
in S. P. Yards.**

YUMA, Dec. 15.—About 3 o'clock Saturday morning, as the east bound freight was pulling down the grade and out of the Beaumont yards, one of those unfortunate accidents occurred that no one can account for or lay the blame in proper place.

The train was in charge of Conductor Guy H. Brockman and Engineer Dave McDonald, and the fireman, whose name was Ray Reynolds, and none of them are left to tell the tale. At this point the conductor very frequently climbs aboard the engine and goes down the grade on the front end of his train. This must have been how it happened that he was there at this time, but why the boiler burst no one will ever know for sure.

Guy H. Brockman was popular with the Yuma people, respected and loved by a large number. He was on the train that runs from here to the upper heading while the big fill was being made that such the river from Salton Sea, and was a young railroader of much promise. His death is doubly sad as he was on only son and a mainstay for a large family whose home is on Buena Vista street, Los Angeles.

Dave McDonald, the engineer, was not so well known, but his friends said that he was one of the whitest men who ever pulled a throttle, and could always be counted on to do his duty. For these qualities he was held in very high esteem by the officials under whom he labored.

The fireman, Ray Reynolds, was also out of Yuma, but was not so well known as the other boys.

Brakeman Williams was badly scalded by escaping steam, and his death may yet be added to the list.

LENA TERRY GETS DIVORCE

(From Wednesday's Daily)
After discharging the jury for the term a divorce was granted Lena Terry from John Terry, on the grounds of non-support and cruelty, in the district court yesterday. Mrs. Terry resides in Jerome.

She testified that her husband had failed and refused to contribute to her support the last two years and had treated her cruelly many times before they separated since their marriage in Bakersfield, California, several years ago.

DENIES NEW TRIAL.

(From Wednesday's Daily)
The motion for a new trial in the case of Constantero Montero, convicted of assault with a deadly weapon, was denied. Montero was one of the principals in a cutting affray between Spaniards and Mexicans in the Wigwam saloon in Jerome in which Constantero King was seriously wounded with a knife.

**TOM REED MINE
HAS UNRIVALED RECORD**

KINGMAN, Dec. 15.—S. S. Jones, superintendent of the Tom Reed Mining Company, was in Kingman this week on his way to the mines from a trip to Prescott and Phoenix. He reports the mine showing up in splendid shape, every opening being in ore.

Since the beginning of work by the Tom Reed company not one pound of ore has been taken from the stopes, all extractions from developments having gone to the mill. The retorts from the mill give a value of about \$50,000 per month for each and every month since last March, and all from development work, something unheard of in mining in Arizona since the days of the Silver King.

A ten stamp mill and plate amalgamation has been the factor in the extraction of the gold from the ores, although lately the small cyanide plant has been securing some values from the tails.

No sinking has as yet been done but a large amount of drifting on the vein has been carried on, as well as some raising to the levels above. Stopes are now being opened in the great ore bodies and soon as sinking is begun these stopes will be called on to furnish the ores until a new level is opened at greater depth.

Only a small hoister has as yet been placed on the mine, although it is the intention of the management to equip the property with large machinery in the near future. With a better water supply and a larger mill the mine will soon be in a fair way to produce from \$100,000 to \$200,000 monthly.

With the settlement of the suits of the Blue Ridge company there is every reason to believe the property will become one of the largest gold producers in the United States. Aside from the rich bodies of ore it has fourteen feet of low grade ore in the ground already opened up, which extends down to the lowest level.

Wednesday John Boyle, Jr., superintendent of the Union Basin mining company, received returns from three cars of zinc ore, which gave results of approximately fifty per cent zinc. The ore was shipped to Oklahoma for treatment.

This ore shows a material improvement, not only in values, but in the general character of the ore. As the market is on the improve the ore netted considerably more than former shipments. We understand that the mine is also showing big improvement in values and character of ores. Practically all this shipment of ore was taken out on contract, which gives the company a clean net return without the adventuring of a dollar.

In the other part of the mine, where the company is employing men on its own account, a big body of still higher grade ore has been opened up. There are three ore bearing veins in the property, each of which is opened by adit drift and shaft. From one of them rich lead ore is being shipped to the smelter, while the other two carry the values in zinc.

A report has gained currency in Kingman this week that one of the most important strikes ever made in San Francisco district was made in the Gold Road mine last week. So far nothing can be learned as to the location of the strike, although it is generally believed to be true. The mine has been showing up some wonderful bodies of ore in the new ground opened by the south drift on the 500 and it is believed that the rich strike is on that level in the Billy Bryan ground. The company is getting things in shape for the electric installations and the new mill will be ready to begin work as soon as the power plant at Kingman is ready to deliver the juice.

RESETS CASE

(From Wednesday's Daily)
Eleven cases were reset in the district court Monday by Judge Sloan, three cases placed on the calendar and default entered.

The cases reset are Yavapai county versus J. P. Storm; W. J. Timme versus the Bisbee Bell Copper Company, and H. M. Maus & Co. versus W. R. Russell, H. J. Beemer garnishee, for December 17; Dennis Burke versus M. J. Hicken and A. M. Jones versus J. W. Sullivan, for December 18; G. W. Hance et al. versus Wales Arnold et al. for December 21; R. J. Rice versus F. X. O'Brien, Brooklyn Mining and Milling Company versus C. C. Miller et al. for December 23; Jules Baumann versus the Baumann Copper Company for December 26; George Whittaker versus D. W. Thomas and Emma Warlop versus Julius Warlop for December 28.

The cases of H. R. Ward versus I. D. L. Williams, Shaw Pneumatic Company, and Bank of Arizona versus the Victor Mining Company were placed on the calendar.

The case of Jake Marks versus J. W. Hobbs was placed on the calendar and default entered.

**CALUMET & ARIZONA
SMELTERS ARE WARMING**

BISBEE, Dec. 15.—The work at the Calumet & Arizona smelters at Douglas is progressing beautifully. The new 500 ton stack is working overtime and is producing nearly sixty tons daily. Since the blowing in of the large stack the construction work has consisted principally of getting together the material, and the preparations for the enlargement of the smelters.

It will be interesting to learn that before the plans are completed all of the old furnaces will be enlarged and will practically double their present output.

The furnaces are now 300 tons capacity, with the exception of the new one, but they will be extended ten feet, making them twenty-five instead of fifteen feet, increasing the capacity 200 tons. But the way the new furnace has been working it has been 600 instead of 500. The developing of the new ore bodies of the C. & A. properties in Bisbee and at Leadville and other points has forced the company to make large preparations for the treatment of additional ore.

Superintendent James Wood is hurrying everything as fast as possible to get in shape for the rushing of the new stacks.

The company has a custom of keeping one furnace down, so it was before the sixth furnace was installed when only four of the five were generally running, and this custom will continue during the reconstruction stage, but one furnace being extended at a time, so that the producing capacity of the plant will not be reduced. It is expected to start the first of this extension work next week and that it will take about six weeks to complete. Then, if all is working well, work will at once be started on the extending of a second furnace which may be expected to be reblown in about three months from this time. After that the other furnaces will shut down, one at a time, and await the work of extension till brought to the type that has been found most successful at Butte.

Today the capacity of the C. & A. smelter has been increased more than 500 tons per day over the same time last year, and three months from now an added capacity of 400 tons per day may be expected.

A matter of which little has been heard and still less is generally understood is the installation of a new plant at the Copper Queen smelter, which is expected to occur about the first of February next, a cinderling plant. Experiments along this line have been going on for the past year with such good success that the materials are now on the ground for the proposed new plant.

Cinderling is a process of treating fine dust and concentrates so as to prepare them for the blast furnaces and to avoid loss in the blast. The fine dust and concentrates, or either, are mixed with sulphide ore and treated by blow pipe flame till cinderling or somewhat roasted. This process removes some of the sulphur and amalgamates together the ore, dust and concentrates into a sort of honey-combed mass which is then readily susceptible to treatment in the blast furnaces with a minimum of loss. It is expected that this process will prove superior to the results that are being obtained with the reverberatory.

The output of the Copper Queen smelter continues to run at about 8,500,000 pounds for the month, and the output for the year 1908 will be not far from 100,000,000 pounds of copper.

SHATTUCK BEGINS WORK.

BISBEE, Dec. 15.—The Shattuck Arizona mine will begin active operations this morning at 7 o'clock with a regular working force of sixty men, and about 500 tons of ore which has accumulated from the workings on the 600 level, will be sent to the Copper Queen smelter at Douglas in the next few days. Following this the mine will settle down to a steady shipment of about seventy tons daily.

The news that the Shattuck has again become one of the regular producers with a good complement of labor is the most welcome news that has come to Bisbee for some time. It is learned that the mine would have resumed operations sooner, but the lower terminals of the tramway were being improved and repaired.

Large ore bodies have been developed on the 600 level and it is from this level that the regular ore shipments will now be made. The ore bins are now full and the shipments will therefore be heavier for the next few days than they will be after the surplus has been sent to Douglas.

The Shattuck shut down with the advent of the panic over a year ago. Its resumption at this time is not only a matter of local congratulation, but is an added evidence of the general return of a healthy business condition.

**KELVIN DISTRICT SHOWS
GENUINE ACTIVITY**

KELVIN, Dec. 15.—A number of men will be put to work on the Troy Manhattan group of claims at Troy within a few days. John Kavanaugh will be in charge and he has sent out a general call to all prospectors in the surrounding hills wanting work to report to him at Troy. This property was worked very extensively several years ago and good ore was encountered. A number of shafts and tunnels had been made. Miles and miles of good roads were built and everything was moving along fine when they suddenly quit all work about a year and a half ago. There was no discernible reason for them quitting unless it might have been the money stringency, which sent so many other companies to the wall in the past two years. This property is one of the finest in the territory and will no doubt resume operations in the near future. John Alward has been in charge of the property at Troy for a long time and talks very well of it.

The Eagle Mountain Copper Company, P. T. McGrath general manager, located on the west side of the valuable Sultana-Arizona Copper company, and directly opposite the extensive workings of the Ray Consolidated Copper Company, who are at present working about 250 men, are showing up some fine copper ore in a forty-foot shaft not far from the Sultana company's workings. Colonel McGrath is a very deliberate worker and whatever he undertakes he does well. The camp of this company, which comprises a spacious powder house, a general machine shop and other buildings necessary for operating a first class mine are all in the pink of working order. The colonel is building up his property slowly and everything that goes into it is first class. Roads are being built to haul the ore and from all appearances the Eagle Mountain Copper Company is a comer.

The Sultana-Arizona Copper Company is not doing anything at present but big things are looked for from this mine in the near future.

Work is still going on in the Renfro property in Dripping Spring Wash.

RAINS GLADDEN OUTLOOK.

Stock Interests Are Jubilant Over the Steady Downpour.

(From Wednesday's Daily)
Yesterday's rainfall was general throughout northern Arizona, the precipitation here being 1.53 inches. The steady downpour continued throughout the day and through the night. Mount Union was reported covered with four inches of snow yesterday evening with the beautiful still falling.

Advises from Phoenix are that it rained there all Monday night and yesterday, and that the storm was general between here and the Maricopa capital.

A steady downpour was also reported from Ash Fork and other points in the north last night. Visitors from the surrounding mountains and valleys also report the precipitation general all day yesterday and in some cases all Monday night.

The storm is generally welcomed by the stock interests. Sheep owners, in particular, are jubilant over the rainfall on the desert ranges of southern Yavapai county and northern Maricopa county where the great majority of the the flocks are wintered.

Wool growers report their flocks about as large this year as last. They look forward to a prosperous year. Boston wool men are now here contracting for the purchase of their clips. A number have contracted for the sale of their entire clips at eighteen cents a pound. The majority of the large sheep owners, however, have not sold their clips, preferring to wait until the shearing season when they believe higher prices will be offered.

LABORER BREAKS LEG

(From Wednesday's Daily)
With his left leg broken and suffering from other painful injuries, Jesus Levarra was taken to the county hospital last night. Levarra fell from a moving freight train near the P. and E. Junction yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He was found by the crew of another freight train later and brought here on the southbound train last night.

The injured man, who is known as "Cuba," is employed as laborer at the Puntzeny lime kilns. According to his statement he was on his way to the kilns from a visit to the city when he accidentally fell from the train. He admitted that he was intoxicated at the time and does not blame any one for the accident.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—James Curran, 18 years old, was killed in a boxing bout with Benjamin Barnett, 17 years old, at the Broadway Athletic Club tonight.

Barnett and Curran's seconds were arrested, but Barnett's seconds escaped.

**HAS CRUEL WORDS FOR
LEAN KINE OF PHOENIX**

(From Thursday's Daily)
"Prescott people eat a better grade of beef than the residents of Phoenix and the Salt River valley and Joe Roberts furnishes the greater part of it."

This is the statement made last night by A. C. McQueen, live stock agent of the S. P. & P. and leased lines, to a Journal-Miner representative.

"Residents of Prescott do not appreciate the enterprise of Joe Roberts," he said. "He purchases none but the highest grade beef raised in the Salt River valley for consumption in Prescott. He has a carload of fat white faced Hereford steers now on the way here from Mesa for the Christmas market, which is pronounced by stockmen the best grade of beef shipped out of the valley this year. There are 29 steers in the consignment averaging in weight 1,050 pounds. Every animal in the carload is a high grade Hereford, all being remarkably healthy and even in weight."

"This class of beef is not sold in the Phoenix butcher shops. The poorer grades are used for home consumption. Roberts is a wide awake business. He purchases nothing but the best realizing that it is cheaper to pay freight on high grade beef than those of poorer stock, the percentage of loss being less on the former."

Agent McQueen arrived here yesterday afternoon from his home in Mesa. He said that it has rained in the valley since Sunday afternoon. He criticizes the city authorities of Phoenix for not keeping the street crossings passable for pedestrians.

"It is a pleasure to visit Prescott in stormy weather," he said. "The sidewalks and crossings are always clean and the crossings free from mud and slush. In Phoenix it is different. Storms pass unnoticed by the authorities and the crossings are invariably covered by mud and slush. Stormy weather in the capital city always means a harvest to the cabbies who drive pell mell through the streets and over street crossings buried out of sight, their vehicles in many instances showering passersby with the diluted and fertilized Salt River valley soil."

**FREED OF CHARGE.
OWENS RETURNS TO RANCH**

(From Thursday's Daily)
Declaring that he has no intention of disposing of his land, cattle and horse interests in Coconino county, but on the contrary will soon engage in the sheep business, Minor Owens, who was freed of charge of horse stealing in the district court Tuesday, left yesterday afternoon for his headquarters in the Grand Canyon country.

Owens awaits trial at the next session of the district court on another indictment charging him with a similar offense. He was released yesterday morning by Judge Sloan under \$1,000 bonds. Emmett James and Elmer Walsh, jointly indicted with Owens, were released from custody on \$500 and \$300 bonds respectively.

Owens is the owner of the "Wild Indian" brands of cattle and horses. His friends claim that he is being wrongfully prosecuted. His headquarters ranch is considered one of the valuable ones of the Wallapai region, being also the center of an excellent range.

Attorneys X. N. Steeves and Henry F. Ashurst, who represented Owens, also left for their homes in Williams and Flagstaff. Attorney Steeves stated that he was very well pleased with his visit here and favorably impressed with Prescott, not only as a business city but a very desirable place to live. Attorney Ashurst will return to make Prescott his permanent residence in January.

ESCAPES WITH FINE.

(From Thursday's Daily)
When Anton Bisjak of Humboldt, who pleaded guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, was called in the district court yesterday for sentence, District Attorney R. E. Morrison asked the court to be lenient with the prisoner, suggesting a fine instead of a jail sentence.

Attorney Reese M. Ling, representing Bisjak, said that the fine to be imposed ought to be a very small one in view of the mitigating circumstances connected with the crime and the fact that his client was possessed of little, if any, means, giving as a reason that he, counsel, had received all the money he knew he had when retained for the defense.

The court fixed the fine at \$150 or confinement at hard labor in the county jail at the rate of \$2 a day. Bisjak paid \$100 of the fine and was released after Attorney Ling had agreed to see that the balance of \$50 was paid within a reasonable time.

The case of W. C. Fellows versus the Tom Reed Mining Company was called and passed until today. It is a Mohave county case growing out of a dispute over the title to a portion of the Tom Reed group of mines.

MULREIN-EVANS WEDDING.

(From Thursday's Daily)
One of the prettiest weddings of the season took place yesterday at high noon in the parlors of the Mulrein block when Mrs. Mollie Evans and James H. Mulrein were joined for better or worse. Rev. L. W. Wheatley of the Marina Street Methodist church officiated, using the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony. To the strains of the Mendelssohn wedding march, Mrs. P. J. Farley presiding at the piano, the bride and groom met in a bower of mistletoe, surrounded by the letter "M" in violets. She was handsomely gowned in a beautiful creation of lavender silk, being assisted by Mrs. Lillian Bird as matron of honor, who was attired in a costume of apricot colored broadcloth; and the groom's brother, Frank Mulrein, acted as best man.

A reception and buffet lunch, served by that popular caterer, Ed. Shumate, followed the ceremony. Fifty invited guests were present.

The wedding presents were numerous and costly, manifesting the popularity of the happy couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Mulrein left on the afternoon train for a six week's honeymoon tour. They will go direct to New York to visit his uncles who reside there. After a short stay there they will return west to Chicago, where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Mulrein's parents. They will visit British Columbia, Portland, Oregon, Seattle, Washington, San Francisco and Los Angeles. They will be the guests of Mrs. Mulrein, mother of the groom, and his two daughters in the City of the Angels. They will be at home in the Mulrein block after January 30, 1909.

The bride has conducted one of the popular millinery establishments of this city for several years.

The groom is one of the best known plumbing and heating contractors in the territory.

Both have hosts of friends who wish them bon voyage on life's matrimonial sea.

**GOLD ROAD MINE
RECLAIMS \$4,000 IN BULLION**

KINGMAN, Dec. 16.—Deputy Sheriff J. P. Gideon Thursday last brought in a \$4,000 bar of bullion from the Gold Road mine, the result of a cleanup from percolations of the mill dumps. The company has been pumping this water back into the mill and treating it in the usual way the past year and have cleaned up many thousands of dollars from the waste waters of the big tailings dumps.

The discovery that the waters running down the canyon from the tailings dumps contained a small percentage of gold in solution was due to investigations of James F. Carter, who with Henry Lovin, obtained a lease of these waters and extracted over \$30,000 in one year. The company then terminated the lease, since which time it has been recovering the gold in solution.

It is reported from the Golden Gem mine that there is a streak of solid metal in the bottom of the shaft that will run above twenty ounces gold to the ton, while large bodies of lower grade ore is showing up. The mine never looked better, not even in its palmiest days.

A. L. McKesson has leased part of his Holy Moses mining claim to Alger Brothers. The lessees will go to work on the mine at once and will have their ores milled at the mine. They have a nice streak of good ore to begin work on and expect to make a nice thing out of the lease.

McKesson this week bought the gasoline hoister at the P. K. mine, Stockton Hill, and removed it to his Holy Moses mine, south of Kingman. He will at once begin sinking the shaft on that property to the 100 foot level, at which level drifts will be run off on the vein. He expects to strike a strong flow of water in this shaft and will use it in milling the ores from the mine.

At the present level (65 feet) he has one of the richest bodies of ore ever opened up in this part of the county. The vein has widened out to five feet of solid ore, running better than \$25 to the ton in gold. The mill, which is run one hour daily, while the water is pumped from the shaft, pays all expenses and leaves a net profit to the owner above operation.

The White Hills Company is working a force of men on the mines, clearing out old shafts and drifts and getting the mines in shape for active work. It is to be hoped that Superintendent Jones will be able to get this company to sink a development shaft in the group of mines on the north side of the big wash and open up the vein that gridiron that section of Indian Secret district.

KNOX WILL NOT TELL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Knox said: "I did not start the rumor and I see no reason why I should affirm or deny it." He was non-committal.